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(Neb.)-Alliance Storm Wasn't Tornado, Expert Says

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ALLIANCE, Nebraska (AP) - A government meteorologist says straight-line winds caused the damage in Alliance last week - not a tornado.

John Griffith of the National Weather Service says radar and other evidence lead him to rule out a tornado. Griffith says photographs showing what looks like a twister likely show a cloud of dust.

Friday's storm ripped the roof off an Alliance home and pushed six coal cars off the tracks at a Burlington Northern Santa Fe rail yard on the south side of town.

No injuries were reported.

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